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SUBJECT: REVERSE TARIFF PREFERENCES: GENERAL SPECIALIZED PREFERENCES

REF: (A) FASTO 26; (B) ANKARA 5646; (C) ANKARA 5647

1. SEVERAL OF THE QUESTIONS AND THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THEY WERE POSED ARE ANSWERED, IN PART, IN REFTELS B AND C, AND WERE DEVELOPED DURING LANDE VISIT HERE JULY 18. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REFTEL A, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF EC MATTERS (ISMET BIRSEL) STATED THAT ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WERE EXCLUDED FROM ANNEX III TO THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL OF TURKEY'S ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC). BIRSEL CITED BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) IN ANNEX III FROM 15.05 THROUGH 98.05 INCLUSIVE, AS CONTAINING NO RPT NO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WE HAVE STUDIED ANNEX III AND FIND ONLY A COUPLE OF POSSIBLE MARGINAL ITEMS, E.G., 19.02 AND 21.0. IF FAS TRADE

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OPERATIONS DIVISION WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SPECIFIC QUERIES ON

ITEMS IN ANNEX III HE WOULD, BIRSEL SAID, BE PLEASED TO RESPOND.

2. FAS UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO TARIFF PREFERENCES IN EFFECT FOR GRAIN ITEMS IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. ADDITIONALLY, TURKEY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE ANY OTHER FORM OF PREFERENCES IN GRAIN SECTORS.

3. EC'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (CAP) HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM CONSIDERATION IN TURKEY'S ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

4. WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO OTHER ITEMS WHERE EC PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS ARE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN BUYING DECISION. WE CANNOT EVEN FIND CATTLE HIDES ON A PREFERENCE LIST. IF EC CONSIDERS CATTLE HIDES AS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT, NO RPT NO PREFERENCES ARE GIVEN TO TURKEY FOR THIS PRODUCT.

5. WE REGRET THAT 1971 TARIFF SCHEDULE IS LATEST AVAILABLE PUBLISHED DATA, BUT WE ARE TRYING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES FOR AN UPDATE. ADDITIONALLY, WE REGRET THAT SINCE THE ADVENT OF THIS GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF MARCH WE HAVE BEEN CUT OFF FROM THE COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS ON IMPORT AND EXPORT DATA AVAILABLE AT THE STATE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS. WE HAVE SOUGHT, THUS FAR, UNSUCCESSFULLY TO HAVE THE COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS RESTORED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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